MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL
On behalf of School Council we would like to welcome Rosalie Moorfield as Acting Principal of Colac West Primary School. Rosalie will be in the role of Principal for the interim period, while Peter Nelson is absent on leave. We wish Peter well in his time away from school and look forward to his return. Rosalie comes to Colac West with a wealth of experience, having been most recently the Principal of Timboon P-12 College. During Rosalie’s time at Colac West she will be continuing with school programs/core values and to maintain a safe learning environment for all students with support of School Council.

MEASLES
In the event of a disease outbreak in the school community, immunisation status certificates are used to quickly identify the immunisation status of each child so that guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services can be quickly implemented. This may include sending unimmunised or immune-compromised children home until the risk of infection has passed. A letter was sent home this week to inform parents of immunisation requirements.

PRINCIPALS REPORT
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Colac West Primary School community. My name is Rosalie Moorfield and I am filling in for Mr. Nelson while he is on leave. I retired from the Department of Education and Training at the end of 2015 after being Principal and Assistant Principal at Timboon P-12 School for eleven years. When making the decision to retire I informed the Department that I would be happy to take on short term Principal replacements if required. I am delighted to have the opportunity to spend some time at Colac West. I have worked closely with Peter, Barrie Speight and Michael Merrett over my teaching career and have heard nothing but praise for the students, staff and Colac West school community. I have been delighted to see how well resourced the school is and how committed the school community is to delivering high quality education for all students. Thank-you to all those parents who have taken the time to stop and chat with me. I have really appreciated the warm welcome. If any parent has any concerns or would to drop in to meet me, please feel free to do so. I operate under an open door policy.
PARENT INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all the parents who attended the ‘getting to know you’ interviews today. The key to a good education is a strong partnership between the student, teacher and home. Parent/teacher interviews are just one way of developing a positive school relationship.

PLANETARIUM
On Monday the 29th February all students will be able to experience a mobile planetarium that will be visiting the school. Discovering new planets and taking a journey into outer space will be the highlight of the incursion.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP
Our students in year three and four head to Sovereign Hill next Thursday and Friday. The students will explore the gold fields, experience life as a student during the gold rush and participate in the sound and light show that retells the story of the Eureka Stockade. A note went home Monday with all the details, please check your child’s bag. Could all payment please be made this Friday 26th.

NOTICES
All forms must PLEASE be completed and returned to school office to update our information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos are this Friday February 26th commencing with staff photos before school. All students need to be in school uniform for the photos. The Prep class will be up first, followed by 1 / 2 class about 9:20 and working our way up. There will be House Captain, JSC, Year 6 and School Captain photos taken also. Family photos are taken generally close to recess, with the whole school.

Please read the following information.
*CORRECT MONEY MUST BE PLACED INSIDE PHOTO-ORDER ENVELOPES*
NO CHANGE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON PHOTO DAY.

Please remember:
- each student must present their own envelope to Photographer on Photo Day - even if money is included in brother’s/sister’s envelope
- you can place the total payment in one envelope, just indicate that on the envelopes
- family concession – parents with 3 or more children attending school only pay for 2
- family envelopes can be collected at office for those parents interested in purchasing a family photograph. The eldest in the family should have the envelope and will collect other members of the family when required on day
- we strongly encourage children to wear school uniform

The Rotary Club of Colac
Is holding the annual Beechy Rail Trail Run and Walk on Sunday March 20 with added Relay and Bike riding options. The relay teams consist of three members at a cost of $5 per person. The run and Relay begin at 9am from Barongarook, the walk begins at 10am from Gellibrand and the Bikes begin at 8:45am from Barongarook registration can be completed here:
www.oldbeechyrailtrailfunrun.org.au
or pay on the day.

WHAT IS NUMERACY?
Children develop numeracy skills when they use mathematical ideas in everyday situations. You may feel that mathematics is different from when you were at school or is taught in a different way, and you are probably right! There are still many ways that you can help and support your child at home in the development of their numeracy skills.

- Talk to your child about numbers, scores, totals, percentages, possibilities, prices, directions, weights, distances, shapes, patterns, sizes etc.
- Talk to your child’s teacher about the classroom program and what you can do at home.
- Talk to your child about the mathematics they bring home from school.
- Support your child’s teachers by attending parent-teacher interviews and information evenings.

Encourage your child to ask questions like these to help them make sense of their numerate world:
- How much is there?
- Will there be enough?
- How many?
- How did you work that out?
- How do you know that?
- Does it fit?
- Is it likely to happen?
- What might happen if....?
- Which way will I go?
- How big is it?
- Could you work it out another way?
- If you worked it out another way could you still get the same answer?

The strongest message is to talk to your child and to create opportunities for them to use their mathematical knowledge in a variety of situations.

Classroom P1M
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2015

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Peter Nelson
Yasna Russell
Craig Ware
Judy Jackson

Date: NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday March 16th 7pm AGM
General Meeting 7.30PM

PARENTS’ CLUB

Committee for 2016
President: Sharon Jacques
Secretary: Prue Borenstein
Treasurer: Nadine Beckett
Canteen: Yasna Russell

NEXT PARENTS’ CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD:

CANTEEN

TERM 1

26th FEBRUARY
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
PETA MAUNDER
12pm-2pm
MARY FLAHERTY
JOANNE COWIE

4TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
LIBBY/ROD SWAYN
12pm-2pm
KIM TUCKER
ELISHA HOLTON

11TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
PRUE BORENSTEIN
12pm-2pm
MELISSA STOKES
ELEISHA COXON

18TH MARCH
9.30am – 10.30am
YASNA RUSSELL
LUCINDA HEATLY
12pm-2pm
RACHEL WOOD
KRISTEN PIETSCH

COMING EVENTS

February 26th - School Photos
February 29th - Planetarium school visit P-6
March 1st - Start Smart
March 1st - Netball P-6
March 2nd - Rob Vingerhoets (Maths)
March 3 / 4 - Year 3 / 4 Camp
Sovereign Hill
March 5th - Schools Clean Up Day
March 8th - Netball P-6
March 11th - Assembly
March 11th - Ride2School Day
March 11th - House Athletics
March 14th - Labour Day Holiday
March 15th - Netball P-6
March 16th - Golf Clinic Years 4-6
March 16th - School Council Meeting
March 18th - Assembly
March 19th - Kana Parade

SHAVE FOR A CURE

As a fundraiser we have a parent participating in 'Shave for a Cure' this year.
The big shave will happen on Friday March 11th straight after assembly. This is also House Athletics Day. Donations to this worthy cause will be gratefully accepted at the office or online.

DISNEY ON ICE REMINDER

Fundraiser Friday 1st July

We have 9 seats still available, deposit is $20 per ticket and final payment of $50 per ticket is due middle of May.
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Where in the World is Benjamin B Bear?

Benjamin B Bear made lots of new friends in Tambo, Queensland. Tambo is famous for its teddy bear shop!

SCOUTS ARE BACK FOR 2016!

Scouting is for boys and girls. It is a great way for young people aged 6 to 26 to socialise with others their own age and have a great time filled with fun, friendship and adventure.

For more information about 2nd Colac Sea Scout Group, find us on Facebook or phone Jonathan on 0439 329 713.